

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
107 W. Locust Street
Boonville, Indiana
April 2, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Warrick County Council met in regular session in the Warrick County Courthouse, 107 W. Locust Street, Boonville, Indiana.

Council President, Gary Meyer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Gary Meyer: Roll Call.

Krystal Powless: Gary Meyer?

Gary Meyer: Here

Krystal Powless: Charlie Christmas?

Charlie Christmas: Yes

Krystal Powless: David Hachmeister?

David Hachmeister: Here

Krystal Powless: Allan Holweger?

Allan Holweger: Here

Krystal Powless: Brad Overton?

Brad Overton: Here

Krystal Powless: Greg Richmond?

Greg Richmond: Here

Krystal Powless: Paul Rudolph?

Paul Rudolph: Here

**Approval of Minutes
March 3, 2014 Special Session and March 6, 2014 Regular Meeting**

Gary Meyer: Approval of Minutes March 3rd Special Session and March 6th Regular Meeting.

Greg Richmond: On the 6th there was a second that was not recorded. You said it, that there was a second; as we were discussing the contract of Mr. Granger so we better make it official...

Gary Meyer: I guess we better.

Greg Richmond: It's on the last page there, David Hachmeister, that's a motion to accept, motion by David Hachmeister, seconded by Charlie Christmas, well, Charlie is not recorded on here anywhere seconding it so...

Charlie Christmas: I did second that.

Greg Richmond: We need to insert him in there as a second somewhere.

Al Holweger: Then I've got one on the regular meeting on page three (3), down you got myself, Bobby Howard and then you got 'Paul Holweger' and it's actually 'Paul Rudolph'.

Gary Meyer: Paul Holweger.

Al Holweger: Yeah, Paul Holweger...

Charlie Christmas: Maybe that's the son you didn't know you had until now.

Paul Rudolph: I was just about to call him 'dad'.

Charlie Christmas: Just call him 'dad', Paul.

Al Holweger: But anyway, that was Paul Rudolph, not me.

Paul Rudolph: And then on page two (2), right before that, there's Gary Meyer saying 'seconded by Al, any further discussion?' and then I say 'just a question 'or' two' not 'of' two'. Less meaningful then calling me 'Paul Holweger'.

Al Holweger: I make a motion to approve the minutes.

Charlie Christmas: As corrected.

Al Holweger: As corrected.

Gary Meyer: On both meetings?

Al Holweger: Both meetings yes.

Gary Meyer: Motions been made by Al and seconded by Charlie to approve both sets of minutes. Any further discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0).

NEW BUSINESS

EMS Business Update

Gary Meyer: New Business under EMS Business, Update.

Pat Rauscher: Good evening.

Gary Meyer: Good evening.

Pat Rauscher: Pat Rauscher for Warrick EMS. I've got the Operational and Financial Report and when I get done I've got a quick update on the refusals too that you guys have been asking about for a few months; I have some data so, just to give you a heads up. I've got the February 2014 Operational Report, we've got three hundred sixty seven (367) total ambulance runs, two hundred fourteen (214) to local hospitals, fifty two (52) refusals, forty eight (48) hospital transfers, nineteen (19) others which is disregards, no patient or dead on scene and thirty five (35) private runs. Our Customer Satisfaction Surveys are no returns in February and we had a ninety nine percent (99%) success rate of our goal response time.

Charlie Christmas: These hospital transfers it says Warrick forty seven (47), are these the ones coming from the Sheriff's Office out here at the jail?

Pat Rauscher: I think they're just...there maybe a couple there but I think the majority of them are as if you're...it's in a hospital versus your 911 calls. For a Financial standpoint for the month we were eleven thousand four hundred eighty (\$11,480.00) under budget for our collects putting us for the year at a total of seven thousand five hundred seventy one dollars (\$7,571.00) under budget for collections. Expense-wise we are at nineteen thousand two hundred five dollars (\$19,205.00) under budget for the month and for the year twenty four thousand one hundred sixteen dollars (\$24,116.00) under budget for the year. On the refusal...you guys have asked for refusal data, I've got some information finally for the collects and the billing we've done with that. I've gotten information from November thru February and the total for that time frame we've billed ten thousand nine hundred dollars (\$10,900.00) and to-date so far we've collected three thousand eight hundred ninety five (\$3,895.00). Sometimes that will take a few months, I don't know how much we will collect on that but we're certainly starting to see a little bit of return on that and some information on that. The other thing I can tell you is that we're starting to see a small dip of the ones that were repeat callers that we've talked about too so we're seeing a little impact with this...with this project and we'll keep you up to date probably quarterly if that's okay, I think month's going to a little challenging just to let you know what's going on.

Gary Meyer: That's fine, good.

Paul Rudolph: So, let's say a refusal is billed and they throw it in the garbage and don't pay it, how do you proceed? Do you...

Pat Rauscher: The billing company has got a collect progress they'll go through, I mean at some point you're going to have to end up writing off cause you can't get that paid and the tricky part about this, like we talked about before, is with refusals we can't bill insurance companies, so this is all going to be relying on the collection process.

Paul Rudolph: So you do have a collection agency that you're dealing with?

Pat Rauscher: Right, that's our billing company; we'll use that process to do that right. Anything else?

Al Holweger: I still need to set up...Charlie and I would both like to meet with you. Do you mind calling me and when you got an opening...

Pat Rauscher: I'll get Krystal to get your information; we'll put email through, if you give me a couple of weeks, next week would be a kind of tricky but we'll get it set up.

Al Holweger: Yeah, I'd like to spend some time with you all.

Pat Rauscher: Okay, we can definitely make that work. Alright, you guys have a good night, enjoy the early spring.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Pat Rauscher: It was opening day too so we're good to go.

Circuit Court Business			
Additional Appropriations			
Adult Probation Circuit	2001-000-4211.00	Supplies	\$1,500.00
Total Adult Probation Circuit			\$1,500.00

Gary Meyer: Item three (3), Circuit Court Business, Additional Appropriation, Adult Probation Circuit, Supplies, one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00).

Krystal Powless: This is for some new filing cabinets within their office and they're paying for it out of their user fee fund instead of asking for it out of County General, our tax dollars.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Paul Rudolph: And how much is in the user fee?

Krystal Powless: About one hundred twenty thousand (\$120,000.00).

Al Holweger: One hundred twenty thousand (\$120,000.00). I make a motion to approve the fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00).
Brad Overton: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by Al and seconded by Brad to approve. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed?
Motion carried seven (7), zero (0).

Clerk & Court Business
Additional Appropriations

Adult Probation Superior	2002-000-4442.00	Equipment	\$2,985.00
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Total Adult Probation Superior			\$5,970.00
Adult Probation Circuit	2001-000-4443.00	Equipment	\$2,985.00
Total Adult Probation Circuit			\$2,985.00

Gary Meyer: Clerk and Court Business, Additional Appropriations, Additional Probation Superior, Equipment, two thousand nine hundred eighty five dollars (\$2,985.00) and Equipment two thousand nine hundred eighty five dollars (\$2,985.00) for a total of five thousand nine hundred seventy dollars (\$5,970.00) and Superior Court Adult Probation Circuit, Equipment, two thousand nine hundred eighty five dollars (\$2,985.00).

Krystal Powless: This is their share of...

Gary Meyer: The server?

Krystal Powless: The new server that they're purchasing. The Clerk's going to...she's also paying for hers out of the user fee but she was just going to do a transfer in order to pay for hers but...(Charlie coughed)...and again they're paying for this out of their user fee instead of coming to you and asking for tax dollars to be appropriated.

Al Holweger: I make a motion to approve.

Brad Overton: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion by Al, seconded by Brad to approve, any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0).

CASA Business
Information

Gary Meyer: CASA Business, Information.

Monica Freimiller: Good evening.

Gary Meyer: Hi there.

Al Holweger: Hi there.

Monica Freimiller: Monica Freimiller, Warrick County CASA Director, this is Erin Norris, this is our Program Coordinator. We're here tonight not asking for anything but we have lots of information that I would just like to give you. I'm going to let Erin pass these out and I'll start as she does so. I just really wanted to come back and kind of give you an update. We came to you I think now three (3) or four (4) years ago and asked for an additional appropriation over our State Matching Grant that they give us. When we started our program in 2008 they gave us a chunk of money that they said that they would give us based on the number of children in unit services that had to be matched by county tax dollars. Well, their monies have gone down and the need has gone up, which is how it usually works so Erin and I, in 2008, along with five (5) other community members were trying to brain storm and figure out how can we make this program happen and give the children that have been abused and neglected and caught themselves in a court system, how can we help offer these services to them without additional cost to the county. So we started a 501C3 fund raising arm and so one of the documents you'll have has some pie graphs on here, which is Erin's doing, not mine, I'm not a pie graph person, I'm an advocate by heart. The first one though, I just kind of want to go through this real quickly with you, the first one will show the yellow bars going up, it shows the average dollars that it costs to serve one child in Warrick County with a child advocate. That advocate goes into the homes where the child is actually living so whether they're in foster care, relative placement, residential placement, no matter where that child is that advocate follows them so as placement change the advocate follows them. They go into the homes, they go into the schools, they talk to therapists and doctors and teachers, and they talk to anyone who has information that's pertinent to that child so that they can bring it back to the Judge so that he can make the determinations and findings that he needs. The red line shows the state allocation for the children served; you can see how it started and how it's declined over the years. The purple line shows we had carry over funds because in the beginning I was writing grants through the program but the availability of funds that way through a court program are limited, which is another reason we started the 501C3. So that money carried over for a few years but you can see as of last year it's basically gone and then the blue line indicates that 501C3 funds started out as nothing and as of last year it has spiked. Just some basic information about our program is included in that first part, this last year our advocates had one thousand five hundred twenty eight (1,528) contacts with their children outside of the courtroom so that doesn't count the day when you see them in court, that's when they went out of the courtroom, into the homes and into the schools to see the kids. We swore in thirteen (13) new volunteers, today we have thirty four (34) active volunteers serving the children in Warrick County. We're serving right at one hundred thirty (130) children today. CASA work last year in 2013 saved Warrick County, if they had had to pay a guardian ad litem attorney to cover that statute it would have cost the county two hundred fifty eighty thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$258,350.00) to fulfill that statute. That was fifty one hundred (5,100) hours that were volunteered by our active volunteers which is commendable and honorable. We try to do our best to appreciate them and show them that we value their work and their time with very little funds but I think we pull it off okay. Our expenses you can see in the next pie graph a large portion of our expenses is...of our minimum budget, I mean, to me it seems like a fairly low number but, it is direct advocacy meaning it's the three (3) of us and the staff and of the staff that work in the court office we recruit, we train, we support, we maintain those thirty four (34)

advocates that are in the field serving those hours to those children. And then the next biggest piece is training. We want these advocates to be as trained as possible so that they're able to make those fact based recommendations. Do you have any questions about the expenses? I know that we're not busted apart like some of the other programs within the county so I'd be more than willing to answer any questions you have. The other side shows the revenue, where are revenue comes from, and you can see that forty percent (40%) of our budget comes not from state dollars or county dollars but those elsewhere dollars and that's just something I wanted to bring back and be able to report to you that we are seeking the alternative means in which we can fund this program. And then the next piece really just highlights our fundraising through the Friends of Warrick County CASA. We have two (2) main fundraisers, they do a letter campaign at the end of the year and then this will be our fourth year doing the Girlfriends Gayla which is the brain...Pam Lanay who had that idea with some of her girlfriends four (4) years ago. They met, they had a great time, the next year they said we need to do this is a cause and the last three (3) years they've sold out. Last year we were at Rolling Hills, the largest facility in Warrick County, and sold out so it's a huge success. And we started a golf scramble and I don't know anything about golf but we had lots of our Law Enforcement Agents that came out and enjoyed the beautiful day with us and supported the cause so we were very thankful for that. Does anybody have any questions about that? The other documents we brought you, we brought you our most recent newsletter that we sent out to our advocates to remind them of court dates and upcoming trainings, not that you need to come to any of that, I just wanted to let you know what's going on within our little part of the county as well as on April the 8th, so next Tuesday evening at the Department of Child Services we are co-collaborating with the department to do a unify event on how we can as a community prevent child abuse here in Warrick County so I'd like to invite you to that. Pass it along, if you know someone who wants to be an advocate or would make a good child advocate tell them to call me please, we're always looking for advocates. And then the magnets are for you just to remind you that we're here. Do you have any questions for me? Everybody's quiet. Paul always has questions for me. I told Erin I said you have to come cause Paul always asks hard questions.

Gary Meyer: You must have done a good job; we don't have any questions at all.

Monica Freimiller: Alright, well thank you.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Paul Rudolph: Thank you for everything.

Al Holweger: Yes, thank you for everything.

Auditor Business

Additional Appropriations

Plat Book	1181-000-4363.00	Rebinding	\$55,000.00
Total Plat Book			\$55,000.00

Gary Meyer: Auditor Business, Additional Appropriation, Plat Book, Rebinding, fifty five thousand dollars (\$55,000.00).

Kim Kaiser: Hello, I'm Kim Kaiser, Deputy in the Plat Department in the Auditor's Office. This is something we take money in for for every deed and it goes into a fund to take care of our plat books and keep them in shape and we have several that are needing redone.

Greg Richmond: I'll make a motion to approve.

Charlie Christmas: Second.

Brad Overton: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by Greg and seconded by...I didn't hear the second.

Charlie Christmas: Either one of us; it don't make no difference.

Gary Meyer: Brad, it's a shorter name to write than Charlie, to approve the fifty five thousand dollars (\$55,000.00). Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0).

Kim Kaiser: Thank you.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Brad Overton: I wish Dixie was here to hear us approve something.

Gary Meyer: Yeah, where was he when we needed him?

Brad Overton: We had good news.

Other Business

Gary Meyer: Anybody from the audience like to address the Council?

Kevin Scott: Kevin Scott, I live in Newburgh, I just had a question on that last claim, is that something where there's more than one place that does that? Did they get bids on that, on the plat book? I was just curious.

Charlie Christmas: Speaking from...

Kevin Scott: Is there just one place that does that?

Charlie Christmas: Speaking as a...somebody that spent thirty eight (38) years in the printing trade, there's not very many places that even think about doing it, let alone doing it...Evansville...there's one place in Evansville I know that does it and it's very hard to even get them to...get the old, old books to fool with.

Unknown Speaker: (Cannot hear; she is away from the mic.)

Unknown Speaker: Pardon me?

Unknown Speaker: I said 'wow'.

Kevin Scott: Yeah, I was just curios, I mean; it seems like a lot money...

Charlie Christmas: It's real unusual.

Kevin Scott: And I didn't know if there was more than one place where you can get that done.

Charlie Christmas: I can understand what you're saying but...

Adjournment

Gary Meyer: Would anyone else like to address the Council?

Greg Richmond: Had you all get the note about the judicial security equipment? I thought he was going to be here tonight.

Krystal Powless: No, I don't think he's quite ready to come.

Greg Richmond: Okay.

Gary Meyer: Any Council Member have anything to bring up?

Unknown Speaker: Motion to adjourn.

David Hachmeister: April 8th the Senior Citizens are having a dance; April 11th golf tournament. Golf tournament and dance open to the public.

Greg Richmond: April 8th, where's it at?

David Hachmeister: At the Centre.

Al Holweger: The golf tournament?

David Hachmeister: April 11th... (Laughter) let's see...the Boonville Country Club.

Charlie Christmas: Are you cooking that night, Dave?

David Hachmeister: Yeah.

Greg Richmond: Tuesday night's the 8th, right?

David Hachmeister: Yeah.

Greg Richmond: Is that a fund raiser?

David Hachmeister: Yeah. I assume, it's just on their calendar.

Gary Meyer: We did get a communication from President Williams of the Commissioners; he's just wanting to set up a committee to discuss EMS Contract which runs out at the end of this year and he suggested that I be on it, which I would be glad to serve, and if another council member wants to be on it feel free or we can have Krystal come in, whatever you all want to do but he called me about this and then sent this memo so if somebody would like to be on it.

Charlie Christmas: Krystal, you don't have anything else to do do you?

Krystal Powless: No, I don't.

Charlie Christmas: Anybody dying to be on this?

Al Holweger: I'll be on it.

Gary Meyer: You want to be on it?

Al Holweger: Yeah.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

David Hachmeister: Which committee was that...

Gary Meyer: EMS Contract Committee. Al said he'd like to be on it.

Krystal Powless: So, Al, yourself and you still want me to come probably?

Al Holweger: Moral support.

Gary Meyer: Just as a point of information our next meeting will be May the 8th and not the first Thursday in May, it'll be the second Thursday in May at 6:00. No further business, meeting is...

David Hachmeister: Is the Commissioners request anybody from the Council to go to the liability training? Employee liability?

Krystal Powless: I'm planning...

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ATTEST:

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